

Movie Was a Hit There

## Goldfinger Nazi, Israel Bans Film

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The James Bond film "Goldfinger" was banned from Israel yesterday because German-born actor Gert Frobe, who plays the villain, was a wartime Nazi.

The Film Censorship Board ordered the screen version of the Ian Fleming thriller removed from Israeli theaters after it learned through an Israeli newspaper interview that the 52-year-old actor had been a card-carrying Nazi. "Goldfinger" has been having a record run in Israel.

Levy Guery, chairman of the board, said the ban was based on an Israeli government ruling forbidding films in which former Nazis take



part. He said it affects all the actor's films, including his latest, "Is Paris Burning?". In it Mr. Frobe, once a Wehrmacht corporal, plays Gen. Dietrich von Sholtitz, Hitler's commandant in Paris.

Israeli moviegoers, who have been jamming showings of "Goldfinger," were expected to receive the ban with mixed feelings.

The actor revealed details of his past last week to the Paris correspondent of the Israeli newspaper, Yediot Aharonot. He said he been attracted by the Nazis' "social platform," and joined the party in 1929 when he was 16. He said his mother had paid his dues and that he had only been "a passive member."

"I never even read Mein Kampf," he declared.

GOLDFINGER—Gert Frobe.